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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF DERIAN VISIT.

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2271.

THE FOLLOWING WAS PREPARED ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS FOR USE BY
THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN:

Q. WE UNDERSTAND MS. DERIAN IS VISITING ARGENTINA. IS THIS
A SPECIAL MISSION?

A. THIS MAY MORE APPROPRIATELY BE DESCRIBED AS A FAMILI-
ARIZATION TRIP. IT IS NOT AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ARGENTINA.
THE PURPOSE IS TO CONSULT WITH OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES.

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MS. DERIAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRE HER TO HAVE A DEEP
APPRECIATION OF THE PROBLEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND
THEREFORE SHE MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE OTHER TRIPS OVERSEAS
AS HER OTHER WORK DEMANDS PERMIT. THIS IS SIMPLY HER FIRST
OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF GETTING TO KNOW MORE
DIRECTLY PROBLEMS OF AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORLD.

Q. HOW LONG IS THE TRIP?

A. SHE WILL SPEND A WEEK IN ARGENTINA--MARCH 28-APRIL 1.

Q. WHERE ELSE IS SHE STOPPING?

A. SHE IS GOING STRAIGHT TO BUENOS AIRES AND BACK.

Q. IS SHE CARRYING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OR PLANNING TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS?

A. AS WE HAVE SAID, THE VISIT IS PURELY FOR FAMILIARIZATION. SHE WILL NOT CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS.

Q. WILL SHE MEET WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS?

A. SHE WILL BE THERE TO MEET A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF PEOPLE. WE EXPECT THERE WILL ALSO BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS. SHE WILL ALSO GET TOGETHER WITH THE EMBASSY STAFF FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S NEW THRUST ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

Q. WHO INITIATED THE TRIP? DID THE ARGENTINES INVITE HER OR DID SHE INVITE HERSELF?

A. SHE BELIEVED THIS WAS AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO VISIT A NEIGHBORING AREA OF THE WORLD WHICH SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BETTER. THIS COINCIDED WITH A SUGGESTION FROM OUR AMBASSADOR IN ARGENTINA TO VISIT OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AIRES.

Q. WILL SHE BE INQUIRING INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS?

A. GIVEN HER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AREA OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, I EXPECT THAT IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINE OFFICIALS, THE SUBJECT OF TERRORISM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEE MATTERS WILL ARISE.

Q. ARE WE TO BELIEVE THAT SHE IS VISITING A PRINCIPAL COUNTRY WHICH REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POSTURE AND THAT HER TRIP IS JUST FOR FAMILIARIZATION?

A. I REITERATE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO BEGIN TO FAMILIARIZE HERSELF WITH A NEIGHBORING REGION AND TO CONSULT WITH OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH RESPONSIBILITIES HER OFFICE HAS UNDER U.S. LAW AND UNDER POLICIES SET BY PRESIDENT CARTER.

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